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The Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 1984 asking about the recent allegations in Defence Attache magazine that Korean Airlines Flight 007 was on an intelligence-gathering mission for the Central Intelligence Agency. As you know from our briefings of the Committee, such was not the case, and I can categorically assure you of that.

Mr. Chairman, our people feel that these allegations bear all the trademarks of recent Soviet disinformation but, frankly, we have no conclusive evidence to prove that. A point-by-point refutation of the Defence Attache article, of course, goes well beyond the purview of any one government agency, and we have suggested to Mr. Mike O'Neil of your staff that the best substantive answers would lie with the reconnaissance offices of the Department of Defense. It is our understanding that Mr. O'Neil is pursuing that avenue. Meanwhile, I have alerted the appropriate analysts at our end to your interest. Be assured that we shall inform the Committee of any new information.

Finally, for your information, we have reviewed a film produced by the Thames TV Eye Program on the KAL flight. The film contains some of the same unfounded charges and allegations made elsewhere, but does not alter the facts and conclusions presented to the Committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Attached for your signature is a letter to Chairman Edward Boland (D., MA) regarding recent allegations in Defence Attache magazine that Korean Airlines Flight 007 was on an intelligence gathering mission for the CIA. This letter has been coordinated with the DDO and SOVA/DDI

Charles A. Briggs

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